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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: PRODUCTION PROCESS OF CYCLOHEXENYL METHYL KETONES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, paragraph 2, the specification is changed as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

2,6,6-Trimethylcyclohexenyl methyl ketone is a useful compound as an intermediate for the synthesis of fruity floral fragrant materials such as  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -damascone.

A1 Damascones typified by  $\alpha$ -damascone which serves as a key note component of natural roses have been commercially produced and practically used as an important fruity floral fragrance. Damascones have three double-bond-depending isomers as described below.

These isomers have their own odor notes, respectively, while they have a fruity floral note basically. They are used differently according to their application purposes.